

DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to announce CAL031 as this month's Dispatcher! Thank you for your nine years of dedication to IPN!

Dispatcher of the Month is a random drawing and all active dispatchers are eligible to win.

IN THE NEWS

We love it when we see IPN alerts make the news. Thank you, FLA149, for submitting the news story, and most importantly, for being on top of the incident with excellent category use! We appreciate you.

HIALEAH, Fla. - A driver wanted in several burglaries crashed a car into several vehicles as Miami-Dade police pursued the black BMW through Hialeah, authorities said. [Read entire story...](#)

FLA| Hialeah, FL (Miami-Dade County)| Veh Pursuit| Intercity| E 4th Ave & 32nd St| MDPD units pursuing a burglary subj. Now n/b from location 2014 black BMW 5 series. Air21 o/s M/A: Miami-Dade County| FLA149| 18:03

FLA| Hialeah, FL (Miami-Dade County)| Perp Search/ Chase| E 8th Ave & 33rd St| Earlier veh pursuit for burglary subj. Subj invl in MVA and bailed out, HPD setting up perimeter box M/A: Miami-Dade County| FLA149| 18:23

FLA| Hialeah, FL (Miami-Dade County)| Traffic Advisory| Lejune Rd & E 33rd St| MVA involving black BMW that was being followed by PD. EMS requested for other driver involved.| FLA149| 18:28

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ZELLO BASED REPORTING

Many areas of the country are seeing an increase in Zello based buff groups. A good number of these "organizations" are credible but the majority of them are not. Please make sure you know who you are listening to before accepting anything they transmit as good information. Far too many of these groups don't adhere to industry standards, much less know them, and are made up of young kids and people who have been dismissed from dispatching with credible notification services. We are not going to single out any group. If you listen for more than a few days it should be obvious.

The QA Team is bringing this to your attention because some dispatchers have been burned by these groups more than once. For example, Zello users may report heavy smoke showing when, in actuality, the IC is investigating smoke haze in a building.

We've found that Zello users make up their own alarm levels that can trip up even a seasoned buff. Do not be the dispatcher who sends a third alarm based on their assumption that two or more engines is a third alarm equivalent. As we all know, the IC is the only person who can declare an alarm upgrade. IPN does not embrace or allow "equivalent alarms."

The QA team has zero tolerance for falsified alarm information. If you do not hear it from a credible source, please stick to what you know. Do not rely on the uninformed folks at Zello. They will get you in trouble most of the time.



**04-22-2019 @18:32 | Benzie County
(Frankfort)| Brush Fire| TGID4335| 6783
Putney Rd|DLYD: St4,5,8 o/s brush fire
threatening mult structures, <15ac involved.
Arcadia M/A enrtr M/A:Manistee County|
MCH015**

Photos by Rory Michael

MONTHLY STATS

IPN dispatchers transmitted 18,005 alerts in the month of April. For the first time ever we sent an alert to every state in the US. Awesome work everyone!! We also sent alerts to 50% of the Canadian provinces. That is a work in progress but more people are jumping on scanner feeds then ever before. Hopefully we can achieve a milestone there soon.

In regards to the top 10, the usual characters are at the top of the heap. In fact, other than two outliers, everyone has held their positions for most of 2019. To make things a little more exciting the admin team has cooked up an idea for July. In addition to the Dispatcher of the Month, we will give out an additional T-Shirt to one member from each state or province that increases their position on the top 10. We will use the June stats for comparison. In addition to this, any State or Province that appears in the top 10 for the first time in 2019 during the summer months will also see a shirt awarded to a member of that chapter. Good luck to all. Happy paging!

Note: Since Florida is ALWAYS at the top of the heap, they have no way of moving up. If no other state or province is successful in moving to higher ground, we will send a shirt to one of the Florida dispatchers instead.

January	February	March	April
Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
New York	New York	New York	New York
California	California	California	California
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois
Texas	Maryland	Texas	Texas
Maryland	Texas	Maryland	Maryland
Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
Wisconsin	Wisconsin	New Jersey	Wisconsin

05-24-2019 @ 14:56 |(MAR) Ferndale, MD (Anne Arundel County)| 1 ALM| 6494 Heritage Hill Dr| Box 31-22: AACoFD Truck 31 o/s fire showing side Alpha 2nd floor of a townhome| MAR137

Photo Courtesy of Anne Arundel County FD



*** Expansion categories are included in these statistics. If you want to help your team but do not have the ability to send smoke damage, water damage and structure damage please contact support. The weather has been crazy this year. This is a great opportunity to earn points and get a free shirt.

FIRST RESPONDERS AT RISK ON ROADS

A disturbing news story is making the rounds in the media: there is an increase in first responders being killed by distracted drivers.

While we love receiving your incident photos and including them in the IPN newsletter, we will reject any pictures that are taken while driving. Our primary goal is to send out real news in real time. While it's nice when we get photos of a paged incident, but not at the risk of our first responders, the very people we count on.

To put it bluntly: **Be a responsible adult and DO NOT take photos of an incident while driving!** And if you do, DO NOT submit them to IPN for the newsletter.

Review the alarming survey results on U.S. drivers who use their cell phone while driving as reported by the National Safety Council and the Emergency Responder Safety Institute:

- 71% take photos or videos when they see an emergency vehicle on the side of the road responding to a fire or a crash, or simply making a traffic stop
- 66% send an email about the situation
- 60% post the incident to social media
- 16% – more than 1 in 10 – said they either have struck or nearly struck a first responder or emergency vehicle stopped on or near the road

Read more from the [National Safety Council website](#) and these two related stories:

<https://miami.cbslocal.com/2019/05/27/danger-first-responders-growing-distracted-drivers/>
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/video/be-prepared/distracted-drivers-a-growing-threat-to-first-responders/vp-AABZ8No>

"I appreciate the **efficiency** and **worth** of IPN. IPN is an **amazing source** for what is happening in the Cook County, Chicago area, **more so than any other source**. Thank you!"

~ Jeannette H.



05-04-2019 @ 11:42 | CON | Wolcott, CT (New Haven County) | Traffic Advisory | Rt 322 & Apple Hill Rd | E-4 & WPD o/s fully involved car fire, fire K/D | CON203

Photo by Rick Kulmann

WELCOME NEW DISPATCHERS!

IPN welcomes the following new dispatchers. Please learn the guidelines and contribute regularly.

ALA095 John
CAL067 David
CAL120 Nick
CON204 Matthew
FLA023 Thomas
FLA096 James
FLA103 Peter
FLA105 Craig
ILL001 Russell
ILL075 Brandon
IND033 Gary

IND129 Jeremy
IOW023 Patrick
KTY091 Jason
LAX101 Matthew
MAR126 Christopher
MCH058 Skylar
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PEN052 Andrew



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2019 IPN T-SHIRT

GET YOURS NOW!

To make a purchase, please email your size and credit card number, card expiration date, the name on the card, and 3 or 4 digit code to support@incidentpage.net. Dispatchers can redeem points for a t-shirt at incidentpage.net/members/rewards.html

S-XL \$19 2XL \$21 3XL \$22

Price includes USPS shipping. The heather gray material is pre-shrunk, Gildan Ultra Cotton.



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